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DELIVERY VECTORS FOR  
TREATING OR PREVENTING  
DISEASES OF THE EYE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above identified patent application, please make the amendments outlined below.

On page 1 of the application, in the section entitled Cross-Reference To Related Applications:

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No 09/665,493, filed September 20, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/525,956, <sup>now abandoned</sup> filed March 15, 2000, which application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/124,460, filed March 15, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/174,984, filed January 6, 2000, all of which applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29

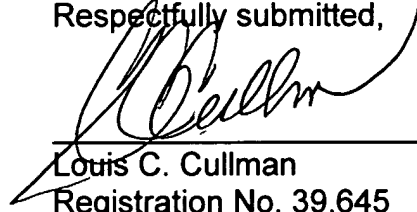
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changed made."

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Respectfully submitted,



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